

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0002] beginning at page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In a conventional elevator apparatus, a car guide rail is disposed in a space between a car and a wall of a hoistway. Further, a counterweight is disposed in a space behind the car guide rail within the hoistway. Moreover, a hoisting machine is disposed in a space in front of the car guide rail within the hoistway. ~~(For example, see Patent Document 1)~~